

of the fictional Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mocking Bird," "For God's sake, do your duty."

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GLENN

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to an American hero, a great Senator and a wonderful friend—Senator JOHN GLENN. Senator GLENN is retiring after serving the people of Ohio for four terms.

But his service to our country did not begin in the Senate, nor will it end here. Senator GLENN served in the Marine Corps during World War II and fought in combat in the South Pacific. He also fought with valor in the Korean conflict and ended up flying 149 missions in both wars. He has received numerous honors including six Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 18 clusters.

He later became a test pilot and set a transcontinental speed record in 1957 for this first flight to average supersonic speed from Los Angeles to New York. In 1959, he was selected to be one of seven astronauts in the space program. Three years later, he made history as the first American to orbit the earth, completing a 5 hour, three orbit flight.

His heroism inspired me and all of the American people. He received the Space Congressional Medal of Honor for his service.

After 23 years in military service, he retired in 1965 and went into the private sector. Despite his outstanding service to his country, it was not enough for JOHN GLENN. He ran for the Senate in 1974 and is now completing his 24th year.

Despite his fame, Senator GLENN was a workhorse, not a showhorse in the Senate. He took on complicated issues like nuclear proliferation, troop readiness, government ethics, civil service reform and campaign finance reform. He did his work with great diligence and thoroughness, with his eye on accomplishment not partisanship.

If you add his 23 years of military service to his 24 years of Service to the people of Ohio, that is 47 years of dedication to our nation.

But even this is not enough for JOHN GLENN. On October 29th of this year, he will return to space on a shuttle mission. He will be the oldest person ever to travel in space but even then his journey will not be over.

He will continue to represent the best of the American spirit and be an informal ambassador for scientific exploration.

I wish him, his wife Annie, his children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

RETIREMENT OF DALE BUMPERS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary person, a respected and honorable man, a true friend, and one whom I am truly saddened to see leave the Senate—Senator DALE BUMPERS.

Mr. President, Senator BUMPERS is, more than most, a true advocate for the citizens of the United States. I know of no better person who embraces issues with the passion and intellect that he demonstrates. His oratory skills are well-known and rarely matched. DALE is a true champion of the public's interests, and particularly when that clashes with special interests.

Throughout his decades of public service, as Governor of Arkansas and United States Senator, Senator BUMPERS has carried with him a strong, unyielding belief in a few basic ideas, ideas that have driven him in his tireless efforts to make our country—and the world—a better place.

Senator BUMPERS believes in ensuring equal opportunities for all, including the poor and indigent. He believes in providing high quality, comprehensive education and health care. He believes in the sanctity of our Constitution. He believes in the value of the arts and humanities in developing human creativity and a national culture. He believes in the importance of environmental conservation and preserving our natural resources. He believes in eliminating needless corporate subsidies and reducing wasteful defense spending. And he believes in the need to slow the growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Senator BUMPERS has never shied away from taking on the powerful special interests, year after year, even when he knows the odds are stacked against him and he is often disappointed with the results. But he has kept on trying.

We have all been witnesses to his eloquent and powerful discourses on a number of subjects. Every one of his presentations before us and before the country have been grounded in personal experience and intellectual strength. When Senator BUMPERS speaks, we know that he speaks from his heart.

Mr. President, in 1995, the Senate debated an amendment that would require zero tolerance for youth who had any amount of alcohol in their blood. Senator BUMPERS revealed his personal story about his parents and their friend who were killed by a drunk driver while returning from their small farm, just across the Arkansas River. Senator BUMPERS was in law school at the time, far away in Chicago.

DALE, more than most, has the power to sway with his words. That amendment was swiftly adopted.

Mr. President, also three years ago, the Senate was considering an amendment to add funds to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now, the NEH is a small agency that can, and does, often come under the budget knife as an insignificant agency. Not to Senator BUMPERS. Senator BUMPERS took to the Senate floor, and told all of us about his high school English teacher, Miss Doll Means. He touched us with a personal story that was a turn-

ing point in his life. When he was a sophomore, Miss Doll Means told him, after he had read a page of "Beowulf" that he had a nice voice and he read beautifully. That one statement, from an English teacher in a town of 1,000 people, did more for his self-esteem than anybody, except, he said, his father. Not only does he indeed have a nice voice and he reads beautifully, he is among the best orators this Senate has ever seen.

Mr. President, earlier this year during the Appropriations Committee passed an amendment naming a vaccine center at NIH after DALE and Betty Bumpers. For almost 30 years, the two of them have worked tirelessly on a crusade to vaccinate all children—and because of their efforts and others, we have made great progress toward that goal.

Mr. President, when the Senior Senator from Arkansas leaves this body in a few weeks, there will be a noticeable void. We will lose a tireless champion for the underserved; a champion for the public's interest; a champion for responsible spending, not wasteful spending; and a champion for equal opportunity, for our environment, and for the arts and humanities. Senator BUMPERS has our respect, and he has the people's respect. We will miss him.

Mr. President, I wish my friend and his wife Betty, their children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO WENDELL H. FORD

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President I rise today to pay tribute to our esteemed colleague from Kentucky, the Minority Whip, Senator WENDELL H. FORD. I wish him well. All of us know that we have not heard the last from this dedicated and effective public servant.

His retirement from the Senate will end a formal career of public service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States which has lasted over three decades. After first serving in the Kentucky Senate, he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1967 and then Governor of Kentucky in 1971. In 1974, he was elected to serve in the United States Senate.

Mr. President, in the history of this body, few Senators have protected the interests of his or her state as doggedly as WENDELL FORD.

Whether the issue was aviation, tobacco, telecommunications or farm legislation, Senator FORD has always put the people of Kentucky first. And even though we have disagreed on a key issue or two, I know that he is guided by what he believes is best for the people of his state.

As the senior Senator from Kentucky put it himself: "If it ain't good for Kentucky, it ain't good for WENDELL FORD."

And the people of Kentucky have shown their deep appreciation to Senator FORD in return. In 1992, he received the largest number of votes ever

recorded by a candidate for elected office in the Commonwealth.

In March of this year, he became the longest serving United States Senator from Kentucky in history.

Mr. President, although New Jersey and Kentucky are very different states, Senator FORD and I share many things in common. First of all, our vintage—we were born in the same year. We both fought for our country in World War II. We both ran businesses before we entered public life.

These common experiences helped make WENDELL FORD an instant friend and mentor to me when I arrived in the Senate. His extensive knowledge and public service experience has made him an invaluable asset to our caucus' leadership.

And he has been quite a leader, now as Minority Whip, first as Chairman and then Ranking Member of the Rules Committee, and in prior years, the Chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Mr. President, Senator FORD has left a formidable legacy to the nation as a whole, in addition to his legendary status in Kentucky. He was the chief sponsor of the National Voter Registration Act, also known as the "motor voter" law.

This law helps ensure that more of our citizens are officially registered to participate in our democracy. He was also instrumental in the enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act Amendments of 1986, and many other landmark aviation and energy laws.

The Senior Senator from Kentucky will be greatly missed here in the United States Senate. We will miss his leadership, his experience and also his great wit. But our personal loss will be the Commonwealth of Kentucky's gain.

I wish him, his wife Jean, their children and grandchildren Godspeed as he returns to Owensboro.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DAN COATS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished Senator from Indiana, DAN COATS. While he has only been in the Senate ten years, he has made an important contribution. One example is the work he put into developing the historic, bipartisan Family and Medical Leave Act.

Mr. President, believe it or not, even though I am a Democrat from the Northeast and Senator COATS is a Republican from the Midwest, we have worked together on legislation. Senator COATS has consistently fought to improve the lives of our nation's children. This commitment led him to join me in support of the Juvenile Mentoring Program—otherwise known as JUMP. This program supports mentoring programs across the country, including Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We have fought together for funding and reauthorizing the program because

we share the belief that all children can succeed if we lend a helping hand.

Senator COATS also became a leading expert in the Senate on military issues as a member of the Armed Services Committee. He also worked hard on education and poverty legislation as a member of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Mr. President, during Senator COATS' tenure in the Senate, we did have disagreements over policy issues. One environmental issue consistently put the State of Indiana at odds with the State of New Jersey. We always had a vigorous debate when this issue came to the floor. Despite our differences, he showed me great respect and courtesy during these deliberations. I left these debates with a great respect for his energy and determination to help his state.

Mr. President, I wish Senator COATS, his wife Marcia, and their children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

I yield the floor.

A GOOD SENATOR DEPARTS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, first appointed to the United States Senate in 1989 by Governor Robert Orr to succeed Vice President Dan Quayle, Senator COATS subsequently won reelection and has served this body during these past nine years with knowledge, skill, and a true dedication to his Senatorial duties. As he departs this great institution to pursue future endeavors, we bid him farewell and best wishes.

Prior to joining the United States Senate, Senator COATS made his mark in several arenas. In his early years, he served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, experience he drew on as a member of the Armed Services Committee. With a passion for law and politics, he worked full-time as a legal intern while attending the Indiana University School of Law at night and serving as Associate Editor of the Law Review. Later, in an effort to gain business experience, he switched tunes from bar-rister to become a vice president for an Indiana life insurance company, all before embarking on his legislative career in the House of Representatives, where he was elected in 1980 to represent Indiana's Fourth District.

During his tenure in the Senate, Senator COATS has served on three powerful and influential Senate Committees—Armed Services, Intelligence, and Labor and Human Resources, and has crafted sound education, health care, and national security policy for the nation. I have had the pleasure of working with Senator COATS on the Armed Services Committee, where he has served on the Personnel, Readiness, and the Airland Forces Subcommittees. There have been a variety of national defense issues on which we have concurred, always keeping in mind the best interests of our national security and the importance of a strong and well equipped line of defense. Just this

year, I appreciated his insight and support of my amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization bill to require separate training units for male and female recruits during basic training.

And, of course, there have been the issues on which we have not seen eye-to-eye. I distinctly remember tangling this year on the Senate floor over Constitutional issues relating to the deployment of troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina. And, on the balanced budget amendment and the line item veto, we have been on opposite sides of the coin as well. Yet, Senator COATS always carries himself well, demonstrating the utmost respect for his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. For this, I hold him in high regard.

Perhaps, Senator COATS' greatest contribution to the United States Senate has been as a member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee. His dedication to strengthening families began long before his political career. He is a longstanding member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, and was recently elected national president of that organization. His service in the House included serving as a leading member of the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. On appointment to the Senate, he became Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Children and Families, where he has served as Chairman since 1995. He has been the author of the "Project for American Renewal" to revive civil society and America's character-forming institutions, and he is a passionate advocate for school choice, unpaid leave for family and medical emergencies, and prayer in schools.

Most recently, Senator COATS shepherded legislation through Congress to reauthorize the Head Start and Low Income Home Energy Assistance program. In appreciation of his efforts and compassion for our nation's children and families, it was only fitting that this piece of legislation was named in his honor. The Coats Human Service Reauthorization Act is but just one example of his fine work here in the United States Senate.

In speaking of his "Project for American Renewal," he says, "The goal of public policy should be to revive the institutions of civil society that build character. Arguably, it is the erosion of those institutions—the family, community organizations, and private and religious charities—that has led to the most severe pathologies we now suffer." I commend Senator COATS for his tireless efforts in behalf of these fundamental institutions, and, as he departs this body, I wish him well.

Mr. BURNS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I understand we are under an order that the Senate go into recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes. We were going to go into recess at 3 o'clock. However—